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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the references which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B and copies of non-U.S. patent references are attached.

Citation of these references is respectfully requested.

Applicant recognizes that he is submitting a voluminous quantity of references.

However, Applicant believes that these references are required for submission by MPEP § 2001.06(c), governing information from related litigation, as well as relevant federal case law. See Critikon, Inc. v. Becton-Dickinson Vascular Access, Inc., 120 F.3d 1253 (Fed. Cir. 1997); Golden Valley Microwave Foods, Inc. v. Weaver Popcorn Co., Inc., 837 F. Supp. 1444 (N.D. Ind. 1992); Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. v. Schering-Plough Corp., 68 F. Supp. 2d 508 (D. N.J. 1999); DaimlerChrysler AG v. Feuling Advanced Technologies, Inc., 276 F. Supp. 2d 1054 (S.D. Cal. 2003).

In an effort to help orient the Examiner to these references and facilitate her review, the following brief summaries of some the references are provided:

EDMUND OPTICS; Miniature Ultraviolet Quartz Pencil Lamps: This reference is a web page from Edmund Optics' online catalog for small ultraviolet quartz pencil lamps.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION; Memorandum and Order: This reference is a memorandum and order of the court in the pending case Leggett & Platt, Inc. v. Vutek, Inc. and construes claim elements of U.S. Patent No. 6,755,518, the parent of the present application.

DANIEL J. WHITTLE, Ph.D.; Expert Report of Daniel J. Whittle, Ph.D.: This reference is the expert report of Daniel J. Whittle, Ph.D., an expert witness for the defendant in the pending case Leggett & Platt, Inc. v. Vutek, Inc.

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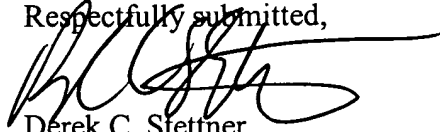
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ROGER D. MCWILLIAMS; Technical Expert Report of Roger D. McWilliams: This reference is the technical expert report of Roger D. McWilliams, an expert witness for the defendant in the pending case Leggett & Platt, Inc. v. Vutek, Inc.

In addition to the above reports, rebuttal reports are also provided.

No concession is made that these documents are prior art, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the documents as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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		DONALD S. FEAGAN; Rebuttal Expert Report of Donald S. Feagan; Leggett & Platt, Inc. v. Vutek, Inc.; Case No. 4:05 CV 788; United States District Court Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division; 2 August 2006
		DANIEL J. WHITTLE, Ph.D.; Rebuttal Expert Report of Daniel J. Whittle, Ph.D. Regarding U.S. Patent 6,755,518; Leggett Platt, Inc. v. Vutek, Inc.; Case No. 4:05 CV 788; United States District Court Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division; 7 August 2006
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		EDMUND OPTICS; Miniature Ultraviolet Quartz Pencil Lamps; http://www.edmundoptics.com/onlinecatalog/displayproduct.cfm?productID=1466
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